relief to the tenants such as by issuing receipts even if payments are made at the time of auction, etc.?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Necessary relief is being afforded even now. But as regards payments of land revenue, it is only to the inamdar that tenants must pay and it is only from them that they should obtain receipts.

Didaginakere Tank.

Q.—28. **Mr. S. B. JOGANNA GOWDA,** Chennarayapatna Taluk, and all the other members of Hassan District.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the breach of the sluice of the Didaginakere Tank in Hiresave Hobli has come to their notice;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the villagers and the village officers have made representations many a time in the matter;

(*c*) the action that has been taken till now in this regard?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**

(*a*) That the sluice was leaky, was brought to notice.

(*b*) Yes, to repair the leaks.

(*c*) The sluice was repaired during 1934-35, and since then the sluice is not leaky.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Is this a major or a minor tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Restored minor tank.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—In answer to sub-section (*c*), Government have stated that the sluice was repaired in 1934-35 and that it is not leaky since then. Are not the Government aware then that even after the repair, the sluice is leaky?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The report is that this sluice is working satisfactorily, but as you represent that it is leaky, the matter will be enquired into.

Removal of Fuel from Hiduvali Lands.

Q.—29. **Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH,** Arkalgud Taluk, and all the other members of Hassan District.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government held out a promise during the last session of the Representative Assembly in October 1937 to provide facilities to raiyats by amending the existing rules relating to the removal of fuel from the *hiduvali* lands for *bona fide* domestic purposes;

(*b*) how have the said rules been amended since;

(*c*) whether early orders would be issued in the matter to minimise the difficulties of raiyats?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of amending the rules empowering the patel to issue *mafi* licence to remove not more than two cart-loads of fuel or charcoal a month, is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Government say that they are considering the question of empowering the patel of each village to issue free licence to remove not more than two cart-loads of fuel or charcoal a month. Are they aware that two cart-loads a month are not sufficient at any rate in the case of big families?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Government consider that two cart-loads would be sufficient for an average family.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—On special occasions like marriages or during the rainy seasons, is it not necessary to stock larger quantities?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Let us try the new rules for some time.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Why should such restrictions be placed in the way of our removing fuel from our own lands and specially when the fuel is required only for domestic requirements?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is not considered necessary to liberalise the rules further just at present.

Mr. N. BHOGI MALLIAH.—Are the Government aware that the rule will

subject the raiyats in malnad parts to considerable inconvenience as they have necessarily to stock very much larger quantities in view of the prolonged rainy season?

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the inconvenience complained of applies to the raiyats all over the State?

Mr. K. VENKATASAMIAH.—If a person cuts down one or two trees in his *hiduvali* land and gets thereby 3 to 4 cart-loads of fuel, is he to throw away the excess over two cart-loads, because the licence permits him to remove only two cart-loads?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—In such cases, the party can get permission from the Amildar.

Mr. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What right have the Government to prevent a person from removing fuel from his own lands?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That is a question of policy and cannot be raised in connection with supplementary questions. Some such restrictions are necessary with a view to preventing illicit felling.

Mr. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have not the Government their own special staff for taking care of their forest produce and to prevent illicit felling? If so, why should they impose unnecessary restrictions on the raiyats?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—Yes. We have the ordinary staff. But they can prevent illicit felling only with the aid of these subsidiary rules.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—With reference to answer to sub-section (*b*), when will the Government Order in question be issued?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—In about 3 or 4 days.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Will the Government kindly consider the question of permitting at least 3 or 4 cart-loads under free licence considering that two cart-loads will not be sufficient in a good many cases?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Government will consider the request.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Will the Government also consider the question of permitting hiduvalidars to stock sufficient quantities of fuel in advance of rainy season?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—It may not be possible to accept that suggestion. Government will however consider it.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Is it not a fact that planters are now free to remove any quantity of fuel from their plantations?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Removal of fuel from plantations is governed by separate orders.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—If you make this general order applicable to plantations also, will not the planters be put to great inconvenience? The Government are aware that the rainy season in the malnad parts extends over months together so that we have to stock even 50 to 100 carts at a time.

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That may be, but we cannot remove this restriction altogether.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Even in cases in which an Amildar gives a licence or permit, why should subsequent permission of the Forest Ranger be considered necessary for a person to remove firewood from his holding? Is not the Amildar a sufficiently responsible officer?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—Government will consider that point once again.

Mr. A. G. MUDDARACHAPPA.—In the case of marriages or other special celebrations, why should not permission be given for hiduvalidars to remove larger quantities of fuel?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—Marriages are not everyday occurrences in all families. We might work the rules for some time and see whether any further relaxation is necessary.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—*contd.*

Mr. K. MUNIVENKATAPPA referred to the question of scholarships of depressed classes, and said that a lump-sum allotment had been made in the budget under this head. But as very many communities were included under the head "Depressed Classes" some of the communities were going without any benefit from this grant. He therefore